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1. INDOCHINA

VN DENIES SUPPRESSING HUMAN RIGHTS, ACCUSES GROUP PROMINENT
US ANTIWAR ACTIVISTS OF MAKING FALSE CHARGES (AP, WP 12/31;
TELTSCH, NYT 12/31). BERRIGANS RECENT SIGNATURES ON LTR
CHARGING HANOI VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS, HAVE BEEN INVITED
TALK TO VN'S UN OBSERVER. SAY "NEW MATERIALS" GIVE
CONFIDENCE NEW GOVT CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, WORKING
TO GUARANTEE RIGHTS (BRADSHER, WSTAR 12/31).

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HANOI ADMITS HAVING TROUBLE RECOVERING FROM WAR. BLAMES
LONG WAR/UNDEVELOPED ECONOMY/MANAGEMENT WEAKNESS/"NEO-
COLONIALISM" (WP).

2. THAILAND

AMEMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAYS FORMAL AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

SOON FOR RTG PURCHASE 45 MILLION DOLS WORTH AMMO LEFT
BEHIND AFTER US PULLOUT (REUTER, WP 12/31).

AIR SIAM SAYS WILL RESUME FLIGHTS 1/5 AFTER WK-LONG

SUSPENSION. ADDS RTG LEANS TOWARD EXTENDING OPERATING
PERMIT FOR 5 YRS (WSJ).

CARLSON (WSJ) REVIEWS OFFSHORE TIN SITUATION. THINKS
NAVAL WAR "OF SORTS" MAY RESULT WHEN CONTRACTOR BILLITON
THAILAND MOVES DREDGE INTO AREA IF FLOATING MINERS
REFUSE LEAVE.

3. CHINA

WEEKEND SAW SIZABLE/OFTEN CONFLICTING REPORTING ON "SERIOUS
UNREST" IN PROVINCES, PAOTING. REUTER (PEKING) REPORTED
CHINESE OFFICIAL TELLING CORRESPONDENTS THAT PAOTING
SITUATION "GRADUALLY IMPROVING," THAT FACTIONAL DISPUTES
THERE DATED TO GPCR DAYS (SUN, NYT 12/31). UPI SAID PLA
UNITS HAVE APPARENTLY RE-ESTABLISHED PUBLIC ORDER IN
PAOTING (WSTAR 12/31).

WP REPORTS CHINESE OFFICIAL SAID SUNDAY THAT MOST PROVIN-
CIAL UNREST OCCURED BEFORE OCT, BUT TROUBLE NOT QUELLED
COMPLETELY. GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, DPA, REPORTS FROM
PEKING THAT PROVINCIAL DISTURBANCES HAVE TAKEN HUNDREDS
OF LIVES, WITH GOVT BLAMING UNREST ON "GANG OF FOUR"
(WSJ). UP (HK) CITES PRC REPORTS THAT AUTHORITIES HAVE
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PUT DOWN SERIOUS UNREST, BUT LESSER DISTURBANCES HAVE
SPREAD TO AT LEAST 10 PROVINCES. ACCORDING DPA, PLA
STILL HAS NOT OVERCOME WIDESPREAD REBELLION (NYDN 1/3).

REUTER (PEKING) SAYS MORE THAN ONE-THIRD PRC'S PROVINCES
HAVE REPORTED SERIOUS UNREST, WITH WIDESPREAD BLOODSHED/
INTIMIDATION (SUN 1/2). AP SAW CERTAIN 12/31 REPORTS
INDICATING PRC IS WORRIED THAT ANTI-CHIANG CHING CAMPAIGN
MAY GET OUT OF HAND IN SOME AREAS (WSTAR 1/1).

CHINESE PUBLICATION EDITS PROMISE NEW ERA OF FREEDOM THAT
WILL LET "HUNDRED SCHOOLS CONTEND" AND "HUNDRED FLOWERS
BLOSSOM IN SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE" (AP, PHINQ; WSJ, GLOBE,
CSM; WSTAR 1/2).

USDA'S SPECIAL FOREIGN AGRIC SERVICE REPORT SAYS PRC HAS
ELIMINATED AGE-OLD FAMINE THREAT, BUT WILL REMAIN MAJOR
MARKET FOR US FARMERS' WHEAT/COTTON CROPS (UPI'S BARTON,
JOC).

ADDRESSING BANQUET FOR BANGLADESH'S GEN ZIAUR RAHMAN
SUNDAY NIGHT, LI-HSIEN-NIEN DENOUNCED WHAT HE DESCRIBED
AS SOVIET'S "SINISTER INTENTION" TO "ENSLAVE" S ASIA
(AFP, NYT).

4. HONGKONG

GOVT BUILDS NEW TOWN IN NEW TERRITORIES TO RELIEVE URBAN
CONGESTION (UPI, JOC 12/31).

5. AUSTRALIA

COSTIGAN (WP 1/2) NOTES 130 TON URANIUM ORE SHIPPED TO FRG,
1ST SHIPMENT EVER. DESCRIBES PROTESTS VS SHIPMENT,
QUESTION OF MINING ON ABORIGINE LAND. REUTER SYDNEY
REPORTS GROUP 200 LEADING AUSSIE SCIENTISTS URGES PM HALT
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MINING/EXPORT URANIUM, CITING POSSIBILITY NUKE TERRORISM.

6. KOREA

LAT'S SHAW (12/30) REPORTS REP MURPHY (D-NY) TOLD TIMES
12/29 THAT PRES PARK, ON 12/15, PERSONALLY DENIED TO HIM
THAT HE OR ROKG HAD ANY ROLE IN ALLEGED CAMPAIGN TO BUY
US SUPPORT. MURPHY APPARENTLY ONLY MEMBER CONGRESS TO
VISIT ROK SINCE OCT BRIBERY ALLEGATIONS (ALSO GLOBE 1/2).

WSJ (12/31) CARRIES ITEM SAYING KOREANS RESISTING PLAN
FOR SPECIAL HOUSE SUBCMTE PROBE SK ACTIVITIES US. ROK
DIPLOMATS COMPLAIN SINGLED OUT; NOTE KCIA STATION CHIEF
WASH CALLED HOME, SUGGEST OTHERS MAY FOLLOW, "ENDING ANY
PROBLEMS." HOUSE VOTES THIS WEEK ON CREATING SPECIAL
PANEL.

WP'S SAAR (1/1) WRITES KIM CHI HA SENTENCED 7 YRS AFTER
9 MONTH TRIAL SEOUL DISTRICT COURT -- DEFENSE LAWYER SAYS
SUPREME COURT APPEAL PLANNED. FOUR PROTESTANT MINISTERS,
CHARGED AT KWANGJU WITH SUPPORTING MYONGDONG DISSIDENTS,
ALSO CONVICTED/SENTENCED TERMS 5 TO 6 YRS (WP 12/31).

UNIFICATION CHURCH-SPONSORED DAILY PAPER "NEWS WORLD"
STARTED PUBLISHING NYC 12/31. IN FRONT-PAGE EDIT, PAPER
CALLS ITSELF "NEW YORK'S THIRD AND MOST BEAUTIFUL MORNING
NEWSPAPER." INITIAL PRESS RUN OF 150,000 REPORTED --
AIMED APPEAL MAINLY YOUNG PERSONS (UPI, WP 1/1).

SK'S 1976 EXPORTS TOTALED 8.1 BILL DOLS, UP 49.1 PERCENT
OVER 1975 -- ROK HAS SET 1977 EXPORT TARGET AT 10 BILL

DOLS (UPI, JOC).

WSJ'S MATHEWS DESCRIBES PLANNED MAJOR OVERHAUL ROK TAX SYSTEM, INCL INITIATION VAT.

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SAMSUNG PETROCHEMICAL CO. GETS ROKG APPROVAL BORROW 50 MILL DOLS FROM SYNDICATE 9 FOREIGN BANKS TO FINANCE

PLANT TO PRODUCE ACID USED IN MAKING PLASTICS (AP, WSJ 12/31).

ROKG AUTHORIZES 2 VENTURES INVOLVING DOW CHEMICAL CO TO OBTAIN 61 MILL DOLS IN LOANS FROM GROUP 15 FOREIGN BANKS TO HELP FINANCE 2 MAJOR PLANTS SK (WSJ 12/31).

KOTRA CONTINUES PROMOTION KOREA '77 SPRING TRADE FAIR (4/7 TO 5/12) W/ADS PLACED BY KOREA TRADE CENTERS CHICAGO (CHI S-T 12/27) AND LOS ANGELES (LAT 12/30).

7. JAPAN

KYODO REPORTS GOJ STUDYING WAYS BOOST DEF FORCES IN AREAS FACING KOREA; DEF AGNCY OFFICIALS BELIEVE CARTER MAY WITHDRAW US TROOPS SK BY 1980 (WP).

OKA (CSM TOKYO) REPORTS JCP DEFEAT IN RECENT ELECTION HAS NOT DETERRED IT FROM SEEKING GOALS. JCP LEADER REAFFIRMS "HISTORIC TASK" ABROGATING US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY, PLANS AVENGE LOWER-HOUSE SETBACK IN JULY'S UPPER-HOUSE ELECTION.

MALCOLM (NYT 1/2) REPORTS FUKUDA MOVED QUICKLY THIS WK TO OPEN "SERIOUS" DIALOGUE W/ALL 5 OPPOSITION PARTIES IN EFFORT STRENGTHEN SLIM CONTROL DIET. PM PROMISED LOCKHEED INVESTIGATION WOULD BE PURSUED, BUT NONCOMMITTAL ON MOST DEMANDS. JCP HEAD CALLED FOR REMOVAL US NUKES FROM OKINAWA, GUARANTEE US' SK TROOPS WOULD NOT BE SHIFTED TO JAPAN, IMMEDIATE EXPANSION JAPAN'S 3-MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 12 MILES.

OKA (12/31) REVIEWS JAPAN-EUR SHIPBUILDING FEUD. NOTES UNCLASSIFIED

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RESPECTIVE ECONOMIES TEND BE COMPETITIVE RATHER THAN COM-

PLEMENTARY, W/COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES ADDING TO PROBLEM. JAPANESE BELIEVE MORE BUSINESS/OFFICIAL/SCHOLARLY TIES, PROMOTION JOINT THINKING COULD HELP WORK OUT PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY REACH LEVEL OF EMOTIONAL CONFRONTATION.

ASAHI REPORTS JAPAN HAS FINISHED BUILDING 1ST BREEDER REACTOR--NUKE PROJECT WHICH TOOK 600 SCIENTISTS/85 MIL DOLS/14 YEARS COMPLETE. REACTOR DESIGNED USE PLUTONIUM WELL AS URANIUM FOR FUEL TO GENERATE ELECTRIC POWER (AP, WP 1/2).

LDP/GOJ OFFICIALS TENTATIVELY AGREE JAPAN'S REAL GNP GROWTH TARGET IN FY'77 SHOULD BE 6.7 PCT, RATHER THAN RUMORED 7 PCT MINIMUM. IN ORDER REACH SUCH EXPANSION, GNP NOMINAL GROWTH MUST REACH 13.8 PCT (CULLISON, JOC 12/31).

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CULLISON REPORTS JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY PLANS 8 PCT DROP IN PRODUCTION IN 1ST QUARTER '77 DUE UNPROMISING DOMESTIC/FON MARKETS.

JAPAN 1976 BANKRUPTCIES REACHED RECORD HIGH SOMEWHERE ABOVE 15,200, W/TOTAL LIABILITIES INVOLVED EXCEEDING 7.5 BIL DOLS (JOC 12/31).

SUN'S SEIDEN CONTINUES ,RAVELOGUE-TYPE SERIES ON JAPAN'S CITIES. REPORTS FROM KYOTO--JAPAN'S "SOUL" (12/31) AND HOKKAIDO--COUNTRY'S "LAST FRONTIER" (1/2).

8. SINGAPORE

SEC GEN SINGAPORE'S OPPOSITION "PEOPLE'S FRONT" SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IN JAIL FOR DEFAMATION PM LEE (WP 12/31).

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LAT'S MCARTHUR (12/30) REPORTS GOS' 18-MONTH LONG ANTI-AUTO CAMPAIGN HAS PRODUCED POSITIVE RESULTS W/O COSTING LEE ANY SUPPORT; FEWER CARS/MORE BREATHING SPACE NOW IN DOWNTOWN SINGAPORE.

9. INDONESIA

INDONESIA REFUSES OPEC'S DECISION INCREASE OIL PRICES BY 15 PCT OVER NEXT 6 MONTHS, EFFECTED 6 PCT HIKE 1/1 (UPI, GLOBE 1/1; WSTAR 1/1). OIL MIN SADLI SAID INDONESIA STILL AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" W/OPEC'S STAND, BUT HOLDING DOWN NCREASE DUE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN WORLD OIL MARKET (WSJ). REPORTEDLY, COUNTRY FEARS LOSS MAJOR JAPANESE MARKET TO

MIDEAST PRODUCERS IF FULL PRICE HIKE ENFORCED (UPI, JOC).

10. GENERAL

GWERTZMAN (NYT 1/2; EXCERPTED IN SUN, WSTAR) REPORTS DOS, IN 1ST DETAILED REPORT ON HUMAN RTS CONDITIONS ABROAD, FOUND INDONESIA/PHILS/ARGENTINA/HAITI/PERU/IRAN VIOLATE HUMAN RTS TO VARYING DEGREES, BUT SHOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE US MIL SUPPORT. REPORTS ON 6 REQUESTED BY HIRC AS INITIAL TEST COMPLIANCE NEW LAW; FINDS FEW SURPRISES. OBERDORFER (WP 1/2) SAYS HIRC INSISTED REPORTS BE MADE PUBLIC.

US DEPLOYED MIL FORCES ABROAD FOR POL IMPACT AT LEAST 215 TIMES BETW WW II/MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR, ACCORDING BROOKINGS REPORT, NOT INCL KOREAN/VN WARS. EA COUNTRIES INVOLVED INCLUDED CHINA/TAIWAN/INDOCHINA/KOREA/JAPAN/INDONESIA/THAILAND/MALAYSIA (OBERDORFER).

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IN NEXT FEW WKS HOUSE GROUP HEADED BY REP WOLFE (D-NY) EXPECTS ISSUE MAJOR REPORT HITTING FOREIGN GOVTS FOR FAILING SUPPORT OWN NARC POLICE (WSTAR 12/31).

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COMMENT

11. KOREA

WP (12/31) APPLAUDS SCRUTINY BY CATHOLIC/JEWISH/PROTESTANT LEADERS OF IDEOLOGY/PRINCIPLES REV MOON'S UNIFICATION CHURCH. EDIT FEELS RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE DONE WELL BY THEIR INVESTIGATION, WHICH FOUND CHURCH WRITINGS ABOUND W/ANIT-SEMITIC, ANTI-CHRISTIAN STATEMENTS.

12. INDOCHINA

LONDON TIMES' SHAWCROSS (WP 1/2) DOES LENGTHY ARTICLE ON "UNTOLD STORY OF CAMBODIA'S AGONY." RECOUNTS EVENTS LEADING TO CIVIL WAR, WAR'S PROGRESS, US ROLE, EVENTS SINCE WAR'S END. SHAWCROSS FINDS NIXON/HAK POLICY AT FAULT, ASSERTS CAMBODIA TAKEN TO WAR MAINLY TO SERVE CONCEPT US "CREDIBILITY"; OPINIONS/FACTS CONFLICTING W/WH PRECONCEPTIONS IGNORED; CAMBODIA WAS 1 ORIGIN WATERGATE. SHAWCROSS GIVES SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT CHARGE' REVES/AMB SWANK/POLMIL COUNSELOR LADD/POL COUNSELOR HARBEN/AMB DEAN; SCORES DCM ENDERS FOR PICKING BOMBING TARGETS.

CSM NOTES ANTIWAR ACTIVISTS BELATEDLY LEARN LESSON;
OPINES HANOI'S LONG RECORD REPRESSION SHOULD HAVE BEEN
ENOUGH TO DISCOURAGE COMMITMENTS. SAYS IGNORING FACTS
MADE/MAKES ACTIVISTS SEEM NAIVE/IDEOLOGICAL/UNPERSUASIVE.
FINDS GOOD THAT SIGNERS RECENT APPEAL ON BEHALF OF POL
PRISONERS TRYING DISPEL ECHOES OF DOUBLE STD. ADDS APPEAL
MAY BE NAIVE FOR CALLING ON HANOI ACCEPT IMPARTIAL INQUIRY
INTO ALLEGED HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS; BUT VN'S CONTINUED
REJECTION CAN ONLY CONFIRM AGGRESSIVE AUTHORITARIANISM US
ENTERED WAR TO RESIST.

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SNOW (GLOBE 12/31) NOTES SPLIT IN OLD ANTIWAR MOVEMENT
OVER PRIVATE APPEAL TO HANOI STOP VENGEFUL VICTOR. SAYS
CONCERNS ARE "RE-EDUCATION" CAMPS, REPORTS 12 BUDDHISTS
IMMOLATED SELVES OVER RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION. CONCLUDES
SOME ANTIWAR LEADERS NOW "SADDER BUT WISER."

VANOCUR (WP)/CARTER (SUN) REVIEW TV MOVIE, "GREEN EYES",
THAT CONCERNS RETURN VN VET TO SAIGON IN SEARCH FOR SON.
VANOCUR FINDS COMPELLING FOR INSIGHT INTO FASCINATION US
SEEMS HAVE W/VIET CHILDREN. CARTER BELIEVES PROGRAM
UNDERMINED BY "ONE-DIMENSIONAL" POL OVERTONES.

13. JAPAN

WSTAR (12/31) SEES LITTLE "NEWNESS" IN FUKUDA GOVT.
DESPITE PLEDGES OF REFORM, FACTIONAL CLAIMS HONORED IN
HANDING OUT CABINET POSTS, WHICH STILL DOMINATED BY
"SENIOR CITIZENS." FORESEES CONTINUATION TOKYO'S PRO-US
POLICY, W/CONCENTRATION ON COUNTRY'S INTL ECON PROBLEMS.
BELIEVES FUKUDA PREMIERSHIP COULD BE VALUABLE "MATURATION"
PERIOD FOR JAPAN:SE DEMOCRACY, IF LEADERSHIP "ABSORBS"
LESSONS ABOUT PUBLIC'S INTOLERANCE OF CORRUPTION.

SEIDEN (SUN TOKYO 1/2) SAYS FUKUDA VICTORY TYPICAL OF
JAPANESE POLITICS--MORE IT SEEMS CHANGE, MORE IT RE-
MAINS SAME. SEES ECON PROBLEMS FUKUDA'S GREATEST CHAL-
LENGE, BUT WILL ALSO BE UNDER PRESSURE RESIST CARTER'S
PLAN WITHDRAW US' SK FORCES. NOTES FUKUDA KNOWN AS FRIEND
ROKG, STRONGEST/MOST GENEROUS SUPPORTERB SAID BE STRONGLY
PRO-SEOUL/JAPANESE RESIDENTS OF KOREAN DESCENT. CONCLUDES
76 MAY HAVE PROVEN YEAR IN WHICH JAPAN'S "CONSERVATIVE
GERONTOCRACY" FINALLY BEGAN LOSE "MAGIC GRIP."

IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, SEIDEN REVIEWS JAPAN'S ECON MOOD,
FINDS IT CLOSE TO PREWAR YEARS'. BUSINESS GROWING MORE
VOCAL IN DISPLEASURE OVER EUR COMPLAINTS JAPANESE "ECON-
OMIC INVASION," FEELS THREATENED IN "LIFE-OR-DEATH STRUG-
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GLE" OBTAIN EVER-EXPANDING SUPPLY NATURAL RESOURCES/OVER-SEAS MARKETS FOR INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS. SEES JAPANESE NATLISM/CHAUVINISM REAWAKENING AS COUNTRY FEELS FOND POWERS "GANGING UP," TRYING MAKE JAPAN "SCAPEGOAT" FOR OWN ECON ILLS.

14. PHILIPPINES

IN ARTICLE ON US MIL BASES AROUND WORLD, FINNEY (NYT 1/2) STATES HAK'S DEAL W/ROMULO, ON VERGE OF SUCCESS, "ABRUPTLY FELL THROUGH," APPARENTLY BECAUSE FILS THOUGHT THEY COULD GET BETTER DEAL FROM CARTER. OPINES IF US DESIRES REDUCE W PAC DEPLOYMENT, REDIRECT FORCES TOWARD EUR, THEN BASES LESS IMPORTANT, "RENTAL CHARGES SHOULD BE LOWER."

15. LOS

CSM DEPLORES "RISKY PRACTICE" UNILATERALLY CLAIMING VAST TRACTS OCEAN. REVIEWS PROBLEMS, SEES URGENT NEED LOS CONF PRODUCE ACCEPTABLE COMPREHENSIVE TREATY.

16. TRANSITION

NYT (12/31) LOOKS OVER MAJOR ISSUES FACING NEW ADMIN.

MENTIONS CARTER LEARNED FOUNDATION US INT RELS LIES IN FIRMNESS ASSOCIATION W/TRADITIONAL ALLIES WEUR/CANADA/JAPAN. FORESEES DOWNWARD REVISION US ARMS SALES ABROAD. ADDS MACHINATIONS US FIRMS ABROAD THAT HAVE RESULTED IN POL CONVULSIONS FROM JAPAN TO ITALY HAVE DONE LESS DAMAGE TO LONG-RANGE US INTERESTS THAN TRAFFIC IN WEAPONS.

RESTON (NYT 12/31) THINKS DOGMATISM DECLINE MAY BE MOST PROMISING ASPECT WASHINGTON POLITICS, W/CARTER PEOPLE BEGINNING HEDGE BETS ON SIMPLISTIC CAMPAIGN PROMISES. MEN-

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TIONS SELF-DOUBT AFFLICTING GOVTS EVERYWHERE, W/JAPAN WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO ECON MIRACLE, APPARENT PRC POL UPRISINGS; ADDS PHILS HAS GIVEN UP DEMOCRACY FOR TIME BEING.

RODERICK (AP, GLOBE 1/2) NOTES WHAT CARTER ADMIN DOES-- AND HOW HE DOES IT--WILL HAVE GENL IMPACT ON ASIA. SEES

ASIAN/US EYES ON NEW LEADERSHIP PRC/JAPAN. BELIEVES CARTER HAS OPPORTUNITY STRENGTHEN US-PRC LINK BY EXTENDING FULL DIPL RECOGNITION. MENTIONS APPARENT STABILITY TAIWAN/HK IN FACE MAINLAND UPHEAVALS. FORESEES CLOSER PRC/JAPAN TIES AS RESULT JAPANESE ELECTION. POINTS TO US-JAPAN FISHERIES PROBLEM. ADDS TOKYO/SEOUL FEAR HARDENING US RESOLVE PHASE-OUT TROOPS SK.

17. CHINA

CSM'S GODSELL (12/31) CITES VIEW OF HARVARD'S PROF VOGEL THAT VIOLENCE REPORTED FROM PAOTING IS PART RESISTANCE PATTERN THAT HAS REPEATED ITSELF WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN TOP CCP LEADERSHIP; DIFFERENCE IS THAT THIS YEAR'S CHANGES BIGGER THAN EVER BEFORE.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK 1/1) SAYS WEDNESDAY-MONITORED SZECHWAN BROADCAST REPORT OF MANY KILLED THERE IN "ALL-AROUND CIVIL WAR) WAS FIRST CLEAR SIGN OF SEVERITY RECENT POL STRIFE IN PROVINCE, AND SEEMED INDICATE SZECHWAN NEVER REALLY SETTLED DOWN AFTER WELL-PUBLICIZED CONFRONTATIONS DURING GPCR. (ALSO BGLOBE).

SUN'S WU (HK) OBSERVES THAT VERBAL ACCOUNTS BY DELS TO RECENT NATIONAL AGRIC CONFERENCE, PRESS ARTICLES, WALL POSTERS, PROVINCIAL RADIO REPORTS ALL CANDIDLY TOLD OF POL DISTRUBANCES/ECON DISRUPTIONS REMINISCENT OF GPCR CONVULSIVE HEYDAY--AND ALL INDICATED TROUBLES EXISTED BEFORE AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER "GANG OF FOUR'S" DOWNFALL. UNCLASSIFIED

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BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK1/2) SAY PRC'S NEW YEAR'S DAY PLEDGE OF HUNDRED SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT/HUNDRED FLOWERS BLOOMING AS APPARENT EFFORT OVERCOME WIDESPREAD NATIONAL UNCERTAINTY, CONJURE UP VISION OF RETURN TO MORE RELAXED/HOPEFUL DAYS OF MID-'50'S.

WSTAR (1/2) FOUND ENOUGH PRC FACTIONAL FERMENT TO ENSURE MAY TAKE SOME TIME HUA CONSOLIDATE POWER--AND UNTIL THAT HAPPENS, ALL BIG QUESTIONS ABOUT COUNTRY'S FUTURE, AND OUR OWN, IN REL TO FAR EAST ARE OPEN QUESTIONS.

SUN'S ISAACS (HK 1/2) REVIEWS '76 PRC, FINDS IT "EARTHQUAKE YEAR IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE." SEES NO REASON THINK HUA IN IMMINENT DANGER--BUT AFTER SUCH YEAR, NO ONE RULING OUT POSSIBILITY MORE SURPRISES.

"PARADE'S" SHEARER SEES CHOU'S WIDOW, TENG YING-CHAO, "COMING INTO HER OWN"--RECEIVING FOREIGN VISITORS/

JOURNALISTS, AND "CLEARLY" EN ROUTE TO CELEBRITY STATUS
(WP 1/2).

BOSTON U'S SEDGWICK REVIEWS CROZIER'S "MAN WHO LOST CHINA."
OBSERVES CHARACTER/IDEOLOGY CRUCIAL IN DETERMINING
HISTORY'S JUDGMENT BETWEEN MAO/CCK. SAYS ONE MAJOR
CAUSE CCK'S "LOSS" OF CHINA WAS THAT HE NEVER HAD TIME
SECURELY GAIN IT. FINDS CROZIER, THOUGH UNINHIBITEDLY
CRITICAL OF CCK, STILL SYMPATHETIC ENOUGH TO CREDIT GIMO
WITH CAPACITIES HE DID POSSESS (GLOBE 1/2).

18. GENERAL

GRAY (GLOBE 1/2) SEES SEA GOVTS DEVOTING MORE ENERGY TO
ECONOMIES IN 1977, W/CONTINUED LOW-KEY EFFORT BY US/PRC/
USSR FOR INFLUENCE IN AREA. TAKES COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY VIEW:
IN BURMA, GOVT MAY COMPROMISE W/ISOLATIONIST "ROAD TO
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SOCIALISM," ACCEPT FOREIGN ADVICE/AID; CAMBODIA NEEDS OB-
TAIN VITALLY NEEDED SUPPLIES; VN SETS ECON GROWTH AS
PRIMARY GOAL, W/W NATIONS PROBABLY ASKED FOR RAW MATERIALS/
SPARE PARTS/KNOWHOW; LAOS PREOCCUPIED W/RECONSTRUCTION/
NOT-ALWAYS-WILLING POPULATION; THAILAND HOPES ECON UPSWING/
MORE FOREIGN INVESTMENT/POL STABILITY WILL JUSTIFY RECENT
MIL COUP; PHILS AIMS FOR INCREASED EXPORTS/FOOD SELF-
SUFFICIENCY/INTENSIFIED OIL SEARCH; INDONESIA'S SUHARTO
FACES LITTLE CHALLENGE IN MAY'S ELECTIONS, STILL SUFFERS
FROM PERTAMINA COLLAPSE; MALAYSIA FACES POSSIBLE POWER
STRUGGLE WITHIN GOVERNING PARTY, BUT OFFICIALS LOOK FOR
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